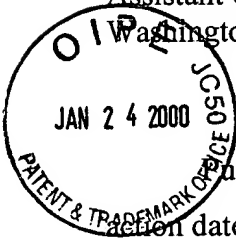


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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated July 30, 1999, be extended for four months to and including January 30, 2000.

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